(c) what are the comparative figures as on 1st April, 1980 and 1st April, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The foreign debt outstanding of the country is estimated to be Rs. 68831 crores as at the end of March, 1989 at the prevailing exchange rate.

(b) The break up of the total external debt which includes loans on Government Account, Non-Government Account, IMF borrowings and external commercial borrowings is as follows as on 31-3-1989.

	(Rs. crores)
Multilateral	— 20323
Bilateral	— 29526
External Commercial Borrowings	— 17482

(c) Debt outstanding as at the end of March 1980 and March 1985 was estimated to be Rs. 15525 crores and Rs. 35725 crores respectively at the then prevailing exchange rates.

Concessional import of capital goods

*153. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce a scheme for concessional import of capital goods for export production; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme and what are the reasons which weighed in favour of framing such a scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The Government have been prescribing from time to time concessional rate of import duty on import/ sional rate of import duty on import of capital goods for industries which have been identified as being predominantly export oriented. However, no scheme as such is in operation.

Central assistance to States for the utilisation of ground water

*154. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have conducted a geographical survey in Andhra Pradesh through the Central Ground Water Board and if so, the names of the districts where potable water has been located in adequate quantity and the depth at which it is available and also the names of those districts where saline water has been located for agricultural purpose;

(b) whether it is a fact that the survey has not been conducted in some of the districts; if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when the survey work is likely to be conducted in these districts; and

(c) Whether the Central Government provide financial assistance to the States for the utilisation of ground water and if so, the criteria adopted therefor and the amount provided during the last three years, yearwise and Statewise for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and)b) The Central Ground Water Board has, in a phased programme, covered an area of 2.60 lakh sq. km. under hydrogeological surveys in Andhra Pradesh till March, 1989. The remaining area of 0.15 lakh sq. km. is to be covered during 1989-90. Grond Water exploration upto a depth of about 600 metres has